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SUBJ: EC FOOD AID TO BOLIVIA :UMR

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1. ON DEC. 20, 1972 THE USG SIGNED A PL 480 AGREEMENT WITH BOLIVIA FOR DELIVERY OF 100,000 TONS WHEAT IN CY 1973. ON DEC. 28, 1973 THE SUPPLY PERIOD WAS EXTENDED THROUGH CY 1974 TO COMPLETE DELIVERIES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT. THE 116,000 MT WHEAT UMR ESTABLISHED FOR CY 1973 WAS ALSO EXTENDED THROUGH CY 1974. USG THEREFORE SUGGESTS THAT EC ADOPT 116,000 MT UMR IN LIEU OF THE 145,000 MT LEVEL CURRENTLY PROPOSED.

2. THE 116,000 MT UMR FOR CY 1973 WAS BASED ON THE FIVE
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YEAR AVERAGE OF COMMERCIAL WHEAT IMPORTS AS REPORTED BY

BOLIVIA'S MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE IN FALL OF 1972. THE ONLY SUPPLIERS WERE THE US AND ARGENTINA. FIGURES IN METRIC TONS FOR US FISCAL YEARS 1968-1972 ARE:

1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
124,800	104,800	68,000	134,800	147,600

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CORRESPONDING IWC DATA, THE LATER MAY INCLUDE UNDER CATEGORY
OF "COMMERCIAL SALES", SOME ARGENTINE WHEAT FINANCED BY
UK STERLING DONATIONS UNDER FAC IN 1969 AND 1970. THE
IMPORT FIGURES CITED ABOVE WERE REPRESENTED AT THE TIME
BY GOB AS ITS MOST RECENT OFFICIAL WHEAT IMPORT STATISTICS.
IWC STATISTICS ON THE OTHER HAND, REFLECT "SALES" NOT
COMMERCIAL IMPORTS.

4. FINAL TABULATION OF CY 1973 IMPORTS IS NOT YET
COMPLETE, BUT THEY ARE EXPECTED TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER
THAN THE 116,000 MT UMR. IF SHORTFALLOCCURS, IT
WOULD HAVE TO BE IMPORTED IN 1974 IN ADDITION TO THE CY 1974
UMR OF 116,000 MT. AN UNDULY LARGE UMR,(145,000) WOULD
AGGRAVATE THE SIZE OF THE SHORTFALL AND FURTHER STRAIN
BOLIVIA'S ALREADY DELICATE FISCAL RESOURCES. KISSINGER

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